

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Archery Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:43

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| Commission Meeting Dates: | Proposal Public Hearing Finalization | January 4-5, 2022 April 7, 2022 April 7-8, 2022 | Pierre Watertown Watertown |
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Duration of Proposal: 2022 and 2023 hunting seasons.

Season Dates: Black Hills Units: September 1-30, 2022
September 1-30, 2023

Open Area: See attached map

Licenses: No more than 200 “any elk” and 150 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 350 licenses)

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for an archery elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference application. Only one member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Any elk harvested must be inspected by a Department representative within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 142 “any elk” and 80 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 222 licenses) to no more than 200 “any elk” and 150 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 350 licenses).

SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

The proposed maximum number of elk licenses will be established in administrative rule and the GFP Commission via administrative action will determine specific number of licenses by tag types and allocation amongst hunting units.

Updated population objectives and the recommended number of licenses will be shared at the March Commission meeting once preliminary harvest estimates have been obtained and population modeling exercises have been completed.

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| Year | Licensed | Hunter | Bulls | Cows |
|------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | Hunters | Success | Harvested | Harvested |
| 2016 | 280 | 29% | 57 | 25 |
| 2017 | 269 | 27% | 48 | 23 |
| 2018 | 219 | 38% | 65 | 19 |
| 2019 | 216 | 42% | 77 | 14 |
| 2020 | 204 | 45% | 80 | 12 |

| 2020 | "Any Elk" | | | | | "Antlerless Elk" | | | | |
|------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | Appl.1st | Licensed | Harvest | Bulls | Cows | Appl.1st | Licensed | Harvest | Bulls | Cows |
| Unit | Choice | Hunters | Success | Harvested | Harvested | Choice | Hunters | Success | Harvested | Harvested |
| H1 | 756 | 17 | 63% | 10 | 1 | 20 | 8 | 29% | 0 | 2 |
| H2 | 4,081 | 80 | 64% | 50 | 1 | 78 | 37 | 6% | 0 | 2 |
| H3 | 78 | 37 | 57% | 17 | 1 | 17 | 19 | 22% | 0 | 4 |
| H4 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| H5 | 57 | 2 | 50% | 1 | 0 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| H7 | 188 | 9 | 29% | 3 | 0 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| H9 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE RULE CHANGES

The following are proposed draft changes that are intended to incorporate the recommended changes adopted by the Commission.

41:06:43:01. Archery elk hunting season established -- Number and type of licenses available -- Season dates. The archery elk hunting season is open from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset each day of the season. No more than ~~447~~ 200 "any elk" licenses and ~~70~~ 150 "antlerless elk" licenses may be issued for the archery elk hunting season. The archery elk hunting season for Units AAE-H1A, AAE-H2A, AAE-H3A, AAE-H4A, AAE-H5A, AAE-H7A, and AAE-H9A is open from September 1 through September 30.

RESIDENT/NONRESIDENT CRITERIA

Not Applicable.

RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, REACTIVATION (R3) CRITERIA

1. Does the regulation or fee inhibit a user's ability to participate? Not applicable.
2. Does the regulation increase the opportunity for new and existing users? Not applicable.
3. How does the regulation impact the next generation of hunters, anglers, trappers and outdoor recreationists? Not applicable.
4. Does the regulation enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by getting families outdoors? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

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